

Remarks

Favorable reconsideration of this application is requested in view of the following remarks. For the reasons set forth below, Appellant respectfully submits that the claimed invention is allowable over the cited references.

The Decision on Appeal dated November 5, 2003, indicated that the Section 112(2) rejection of claims 1-4, 6-9, 12 and 19 would be overcome if claims 1, 9, 12 and 19 are amended to change "bays" to -locations- or -docking locations-; and the Section 112(2) rejection of claims 10 and 11 would stand.

In accordance with the Board's recommendations under 37 C.F.R. § 1.196(c), Appellant has amended claims 1, 9, 12 and 19 to change the word "bays" to -locations- for each instance. Appellant requests that the Section 112(2) rejection of claims 1-4, 6-9, 12 and 19 be removed and the claims be allowed in view of the Board's recommendation

With respect to claims 10 and 11 (which depends from claim 10), Appellant interprets the Board's decision as sustaining the Section 112(2) rejection in the absence of the recommended amendments to claim 1. Claim 10 was rejected in connection with the term "docking locations" and its corresponding definition, which term has now been ruled not to be indefinite by the Board of Appeals. Claim 1, from which claim 10 depends, now includes the approved term "locations," therefore the "docking locations" of claim 10 further characterize the "locations" of claim 1. The "docking locations" of claim 10 are not indefinite according to the Decision on Appeal and the Section 112(2) rejection should be overcome with the above amendments.

If the above assumed interpretation of the Board's decision is not correct, Appellant respectfully requests clarification. If a brief teleconference would help to resolve any such issue, please call the undersigned at the telephone number below.

If necessary, authority is given to charge/credit Deposit Account 01-0365 (TT2354DIV) any fees/overages in support of this filing.

In view of the remarks above, Appellant believes that each of the rejections has been overcome and the application is in condition for allowance.

Should there be any remaining issues that could be readily addressed over the telephone, the Examiner is encouraged to contact the undersigned at (651) 686-6633.

Respectfully submitted,

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